

# WESTON NEWS

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# Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

9<sup>th</sup> December – Red class nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

8<sup>th</sup> December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Hall Christmas Fair (date change)

10<sup>th</sup> December – Choir performing at Shavington HS concert

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch day

11<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Fluenz

12<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school trip to Regent Theatre

13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> December – All Saints Christmas tree festival

18<sup>th</sup> December – Weston's Got Talent; party lunch; last day of term

6<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens for Spring term

16<sup>th</sup> January – Amaven challenge day (PE)

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Class, group and leavers photographs

29<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 to Young Voice at Manchester Arena

30<sup>th</sup> January – Orange class assembly

# A message from Mr Cutts

We are deep into the festive season and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching some of the nativity performances this week. Purple class did a great job with their Christingle at All Saints Church last night and the whole school and the pre-schoolers from Poppy and Jack's nursery enjoyed Red class's nativity dress rehearsal this morning (not sure poor baby Jesus did!) – parents, you're in for a treat!

This is always an incredibly busy term and a lot of extra time and energy goes into providing and balancing a full calendar of events with our engaging and challenging curriculum. I therefore want to take this opportunity to

publicly thank the wonderful staff and the very effective and supportive governance team at Weston. Every single member of staff goes above and beyond in the best interests of the children – it's a fantastic team to be part of. Thank you, as ever, to you the parents. We really value the partnership we have.



### Friends of Weston – Exciting News!

Speaking of thanks – I'm sure I speak on behalf of us all when I say thank you to the fabulous Friends of Weston team and everyone else who helped out at the Christmas Fair. Lots of you came and the event was a great success. The children particularly enjoyed the secret present room. The grand total will be announced in due course but it's safe to assume that lots of money was raised, which will be spent on the children.

If you haven't decided what you're doing on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, let me help you out – you're coming to the circus, right here at Weston! The Friends of Weston and school staff are working together to put on the biggest and best event ever and Happy's Circus has got us all buzzing with excitement. Before

the big top arrives in May, the children will be testing their own circus skills through activities in our theme week in March, which is Try New Things again, following the success of this year's activities. So save the date – **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Happy's Circus, Weston Village Primary School!** 



#### **Bikeability**

Well done to the children in Year 5 who took part in Bikeability Level 2 last week. Over the course of two days, the children worked in small groups with four instructors. They built on the Level 1 skills that they were taught last year by cycling on single lane roads, correctly

approaching simple junctions and cycling on roads with moderate traffic flow – vital safety skills. It is important that the children continue to practise these skills and remember the safety messages from their expert training. Every child passed – well done to all!

#### <u>Sports</u>

A team of key stage two athletes took part in an indoor sportshall athletics event last week at Shavington Academy. They were competing against other schools and although we didn't win the event (we've already implemented more effective foam javelin coaching!), the children all pushed themselves, worked hard and supported their team mates.





#### Last week a team of

key stage two girls took part in a girls' football tournament at Reaseheath – the Crewe Alex training centre. One team came second and the other finished fifth out of six teams. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves – in the past we have pulled out of girls football competitions due to a lack of interest among the pupils but over the last two years, an ever-growing number are taking up the sport and we are delighted to give them opportunities to compete.

Thanks to the parents and staff who helped out at both events and to Miss Wright for organising them.

## **Performances**

I am really looking forward to next week's Reception and Year 1 nativity performances. I have heard some of the songs and I know that parents will love them.

Well done to the Purple Class children who enjoyed performing at the church last night in their Christingle

service. I'm sure the parents enjoyed it. Thanks to Mrs McGowan who served hot drinks at the village hall before and after the Christingle and to Mrs O'Connor who recorded it for the DVD.

DVDs will be made of all the performances thanks to the filming of Mrs O'Connor and the technical wizardry of Mr and Mrs Oakes. They will be available to buy for just £6 each or £5 if you buy multiple copies. They are the perfect gift for family who may not have seen it and a great memento for you to bring out on your child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday! If you want to buy them, order forms will be available at the performances. The ordering window is very tight so, to avoid disappointment, bring some money with you. Every penny raised is added to the Friends of Weston fundraising total and will be spent on the children.





#### Easy Fundraising

Don't forget to use Easy Fundraising when you're doing your online Christmas shopping, in aid of Friends of Weston. It's easy to use and every time you spend money, the retailer will donate a percentage to the school, via Friends of Weston. Go to the website for more information – it really is quick and simple

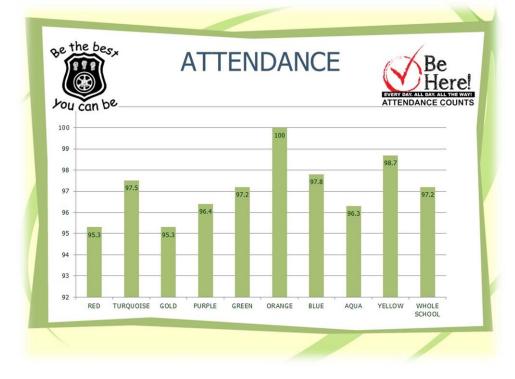


to set up. You can even use it at The Book People, who are still running a 'Big Boost' campaign - their brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10, they'll donate £1 to a school of your choice (Weston) for us to spend on books! Just go to thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost If you've used it through Easy Fundraiser, the school will receive even more!

#### **Celebration Assembly**

Here are our most recent stars of the week. We went for cookies, cakes and juice this time and you see how much they enjoyed it – the taste of success! Of course, the children earned the right to cookies, cakes and juice by embracing our secrets of success approach. We are proud of them all.





Here are our most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.